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SUBJ: PROTEST BY BECAK DRIVERS IN MEDAN

1. MEDAN DAILY SINAR INDONESIA BARU (SIB) REPORTED ON MAY 2 THAT ON PREVIOUS DAY ABOUT 50 BECAK DRIVERS APPEARED AT SIB OFFICE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT RECENT CITY GOVERNMENT DECISION TO CREATE BECAK-FREE ZONES IN CENTRAL CITY. PROTESTERS WERE LED BY TWO BECAK DRIVERS WHO ACTED AS SPOKESMAN IN MEETING WITH SIB EDITORS. ONE OF THESE SPOKESMEN WAS A RETIRED ARMY SERGEANT MAJOR, PAINO HARDJOJO. HE MAINTAINED THAT THEY DO NOT OPPOSE THE CITY GOVERNMENT BUT THEY FEEL A BETTER WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION WITHOUT DEPRIVING BECAK DRIVERS OF THEIR LIVELIHOOD.

2. IN RELATED INCIDENT, HE LEARNED THAT A BECAK DRIVER STABBED A POLICEMAN TO DEATH THIS WEEK AFTER HAVING BEEN STOPPED WHEN TRYING TO ENTER ONE OF THE NEW BECAK-FREE ZONES. THE POLICEMAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE DEMANDED MONEY FROM THE BECAK DRIVER WHO STABBED HIM IN AN ENSUING STRUGGLE. THE NORTH SUMATRA LAKSUS HAS INSTRUCTED THE LOCAL MEDIA NOT TO REPORT THIS INCIDENT.

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3. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THIS LATEST CITY EFFORT TO CONTROL  
BECAK OPERATIONS WILL STIMULATE A VIOLENT RESPONSE ALTHOUGH  
THERE COULD BE ADDITIONAL ISOLATED INCIDENTS. THE AUTHORITIES  
HAVE THE MEANS FOR CONTROLLING THE SITUATION, BUT THIS IS YET  
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE CAVALIER TREATMENT BY INSENSITIVE OFFICIALS  
OF A POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE GROUP. THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE  
LEADERS OF THE PROTESTERS WAS A RETIEED ARMY NON-COM SHOULD  
GIVE ADDITIONAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT TO LOCAL OFFICIALS.  
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